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In re Application of:	) Confirmation No.: 8295
Gary K. Michelson	)
Serial No.: 09/921,844	) Group Art Unit: 3738
Filed: August 3, 2001	) Examiner: Bruce E. Snow
For: SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE	)
CONFIGURATION	<b>`</b>

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## **AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated July 1, 2009, the period for reply having been extended for three (3) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

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